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Volume I.

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NEW ISSUES.

BARBADOS.—A new 1-2 penny, double card, is said to be in use; color, violet or buff.



NORTH BORNEO.—Evidently this British Colony is tired of being a "hanger on," as it has issued a new postage stamp, the design of which is here shown; value, 2 cents; color, brown.

BRAZIL.—The fifty reis card, with the new design which we illustrated in our June number, has appeared. Doubtless there will be more to follow.

CUBA.—The stamps of this island have been surcharged with a fancy pattern, in the centre of which is the figure, denoting its value. A large quantity of stamps were stolen from the Government office at Havana, a short time ago, and this is done so they cannot be used.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The 1 real and 5c. de peso have been surcharged. "Habilitado," etc. We annex the design.

SALVADOR.—Two new postals have appeared; 2 centavos, red on buff, and 2x2 centavos, blue on white.



TASMANIA.—A new registration envelope has lately appeared; value, 4 pence; color, blue. We annex the design.



U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—Some more "half" stamps have appeared.

This time it is the 10 peso stamps, cut in half and surcharged "Bueno Porcinco Pesos," meaning 5 pesos.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Another new stamp has appeared since our last issue; value, 1-2 penny; color, orange; type, De La Rue.

REVIEW TABLE.

POCKET MANUEL.—W. L. Thompson, 7404 Arch St., Philadelphia, publisher. This is one of the best books for the "million" we have yet seen, containing nearly all the information needed in every day business life. It contains 224 pages of very useful information, and is a complete dictionary in itself, and as such should commend itself to everyone. Circulars will be mailed free upon postal application. A good chance for agents.

THE LAKESIDE PHILATELIST.—W. F. Bishop, 79 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., publisher. This is the latest addition to the Philatelic journals, and is an excellent paper for the first number. Subscription 25 cts. per year; send for a sample copy.

THE BLACK LIST.—W. F. Smith, 399 West 126th St., New York, publisher. This is a new, but, nevertheless, a very important publication, giving the names of all fraudulent dealers and collectors, and should be in the hands of every collector. Price 6 cents. We hope the time is not far distant when there will be no need of such "Black Lists," when the dishonest Philatelist shall forsake the folly of his ways, repent, and become an honest and upright man.

NUMISMATIC ATLAS.—Dr. J. LeRoux, Montreal, publisher. Price \$1.50. This book contains illustrations of 225 coins and tokens of the different provinces forming what is now called the Dominion of Canada, and accurately describes the same in both French and English. American coin collectors, as a general thing, know but little, and care less, about Canadian coins, but all who have the least desire to learn something about them, should purchase a copy of the above work.

MEDALS.—Issued by W. H. Warner & Bro., 1123 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Our thanks are due the above named gentlemen for a copy of a beautiful medal of the Denver G. A. R. celebration. Ten thousand like the above medal were sent to Denver, Col., and 5000 to Santa Fe, N. M., for their celebration. They are now filling a large order for the Southern Exposition, at Louisville, Ky.

16-page Catalogue of our buying prices of all American Coins worth over face value, 10 cents.

COIN SALES.

MAY—JULY.

May 2, 3, 4. Collection of Dr. Winslow Lewis, 2,094 lots. Catalogued by W. E. Woodward.

May 15. Collection of Indian relics, postage stamps, etc., 438 lots. Catalogued by Dr. George W. Massamore.

May 16, 17, 18, 19. Collection of R. H. Stuart, of New York, 2,045 lots. Proceeds of the sale, \$5,532. Catalogued by George Cogan.

May 23, 25. Collection of O. H. Berg, of Baltimore. The highest price realized was lot 568, the 1804 dollar, which sold for \$740. Catalogued by John Haseltine.

May 28, 29. Collection of Charles Spaeth, Esq., and the late S. H. Remsen. Catalogued by Scott & Co., (50) and sold by Leavitt & Co.

June 2. Collection of coins and medals, 642 lots. Catalogued by Ed. Frossard. A 1793 liberty cap cent, the finest one known, sold for \$107. Proceeds of the sale, \$1,582.

June 5. H. G. Sampson sold at Bangs & Co.'s a collection of war and Russian bronze medals.

June 6. John W. Haseltine sold the collection of Wm. J. Jenks, of Philadelphia, 677 lots.

June 12, 13. A collection of coins, medals and proclamation pieces were sold at Bangs & Co.'s, 1,114 lots. Catalogued by W. E. Woodward.

June 14. W. E. Woodward sold the Crepy collection of stone relics, arms, Masonic bric-a-brac, guns, swords, &c., 520 lots.

June 14. A collection of coins, 199 lots, catalogued by C. L. Stake, of Dayton, Ohio.

June 18, 19. Charles Steigerwalt sold a collection of coins, relics, etc., 1,010 lots. This was Mr. S.'s 14th sale.

June 25, 26. W. E. Woodward catalogued a sale of coins containing 1,407 lots. An 1815 5-dollar gold piece sold at \$300.

June 27, 28, 29. Mr. John W. Haseltine sold the famous collection of S. S. Crosby. This was his seventieth sale. A more continued sketch of this sale, with prices, will be given in the September number of this paper.

June 20. The collection of F. F. Knithan, of Burlington, Iowa. Catalogued by Ed. Frossard.

NOTES.

Steigerwalt's Coin Journal, is the title of a new magazine edited and published by Chas. Steigerwalt, of Lancaster, Pa. The first number appeared in July and is to be followed bi-monthly. This is one of the neatest and best looking papers, both in appearance and make up. It contains 20 pages full of interesting notes and price-list of coins needed by all collectors, at low prices.

Mr. Lyman H. Low appeared late in June

with a new price-list of copper, brass and lead coins. Mr. Low only deals in modern coins, and judging by his catalogue he has a large collection to select from. X. Y. Z.

GOSSIP.

Look out for a 4-cent stamp with the bust portrait of Jackson.

Read our special offers to new subscribers, then profit thereby.

The publisher of this paper wishes to purchase large or small collections of stamps and coins, for CASH.

For 35 cents we will send this paper one year, together with the *Philatelic Monthly*, or the *Lakeside Philatelist*.

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"Mr. G. L. Hager, of Jefferson City, Mo., remarks: 'The only papers I receive with any promptness, are Hubbard's, Durbin's and yours.'"—[Stamp World.

Mr. Lyman H. Low, of New York, a prominent coin dealer of that city, has been admitted to the firm of B. Westermann & Co., Booksellers, 838 Broadway, who have added a coin department to their large and increasing business, which will be under the management of Mr. Low.

The following papers have been received since our last issue; their respective publishers will please accept our thanks. *The Stamp World*, *Empire City Philatelist*, *Lakeside Philatelist*, *The Black List*, *Union Exchange List*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Numisma*, *Our Home and Science Gossip*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Philatelists' Journal*, *Monthly Echo*.

"The three-cent piece was coined from 1851 to 1873 inclusive, with the exception of the year 1857, and ranges in value from the coin of 1855 at \$2 for a fine specimen, down to merely nominal prices, which are not worthy of tabulation."—[Old Curiosity Shop.

If the editor of the above paper desires a three-cent piece of 1857, he should send 5 cents to some coin dealer for one. The fact is, there were nearly as many coined in 1857, as in any previous year.

A Rare Coin.

In the British Museum, among other rare and curious things, is a gold coin, said to be unique, not another like it having been found in the whole world. So valuable a coin from the numismatic point of view, was guarded with great care, and it could only be seen upon an order from a distinguished official, to the chief guard of the Museum. About this coin the following striking story is told:

A well-dressed gentleman visited the Museum, near the closing time in the afternoon and presented his order to see the coin to the functionary who presided over this department. He was escorted into the cabinet room accompanied by two officials, each of whom possessed a key to one of the two locks with which the case containing the coin was protected. The coin was taken from its case and handed to the visitor, who closely examined it with a magnifying glass, weighed it in his hand, and even smelt the coin; the eyes of the custodians never losing sight of it for a single instant; It was then returned to the principal official, who replaced it in its case. As the gentlemen were leaving the room, one of the officials found he had left something, and returned to find it, and, being near the case containing the rare coin, looked through the heavy plate-glass top, to see if the coin had been properly placed in its accustomed position, but *no coin was there*. He naturally thought the visitor had stolen it, and rushed after him, arriving at the outer door, as the chief guard was bidding adieu to the visitor. A hasty consultation was held, and the three persons returned to try and find the coin. They hunted high and low, but a careful search proved in vain. The chief guard then informed the visitor that he must be searched before he could leave the building.

That gentleman turned deadly pale, but protested strongly against the suspicions cast upon his character, and asked if a gentleman described as a friend to a cabinet minister, would be likely to steal a coin. He was told that no other course was open to them; he *must be searched*. Then with the expression of calm determination, he said, that while living, he would never be subject to such a gross indignity. The guards were gentlemen in every sense of the word, and sympathizing with the evident distress of the visitor, decided to make a more thorough search for the missing coin, aided by artificial lights, which had now become necessary by the waning of the day. Imagine the joy of the three gentlemen, the visitor in particular, when the junior official shouted that he had found the coin, where it had slipped down between the velvet covering and wooden case, where, in the dusky twilight of the foggy metropolis, it had not been discovered in the previous search. It was quickly replaced in the proper position, but explanations were in order, and full and complete apologies were made to the visitor for the treatment he had received.

Being a true gentleman he accepted the explanations, and as the chief guard was about to bid the visitor good-bye, he said: "Knowing you did not take the coin, why did you turn so ashy in color, and refuse to be searched?" "I will tell you," replied the visitor, "you, and the world, think your coin is *unique*; so did I, until lately, when I believed I had found its fellow, in an obscure Italian village; I sought to compare my coin with yours; I have done so; mine is a duplicate of yours; it is in my pocket; nay, look at it; here it is! Had you searched me, you would have thought my coin was yours, that I had stolen it, and very likely you would never have found your own, while I should have been forever disgraced. That is why I refused to be searched."

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

*"A little nonsense now and then,
is relished by the best of men."*

What is the difference between a post and a postage stamp? One is always stuck up and the other is always stuck down.

What is the difference between a bad boy and a postage stamp? You lick one with a stick, and stick the other with a lick.

When is a boy like a postage stamp? Give it up! When he is licked and stood in a corner to make him stick to his letters.

Master: (who has sent Dennis to catch the post at the pillar box) :—"Well, Dennis, had it gone?" *Dennis:*—"What, sir?" *Master:*—"Why, the post, you blockhead!" *Dennis:*—"Divil a bit, sir; I lift it standin there."

"Has the cooking book any pictures?" asked a young lady of a bookseller. "Not one," replied the dealer in books. "Why," exclaimed the witty miss, "what is the use telling us how to make a dinner if you give us no plates."

"James, my son, take this letter to the post-office, and pay the postage on it." The boy returned, highly elated, and said: "Father, I seed a lot of men putting letters in a letter-place, and when no one was looking, I slipped yours in for nothing."

There is one man who is convinced that postal cards are a fraud. Pat McGongles purchased one and wrote: "Felix O'Connell—Come up this evening. There's going to be a dog fight at Barney Degan's. I'm going to bet on Hautehan's dog. Don't miss the fight." Pat then enclosed the postal in an envelope, and handed it to the post-office clerk, when there was a tableau. Pat says, "Be me soul, the post-office man made me pay 3-cents for the mean one-cent swindle."

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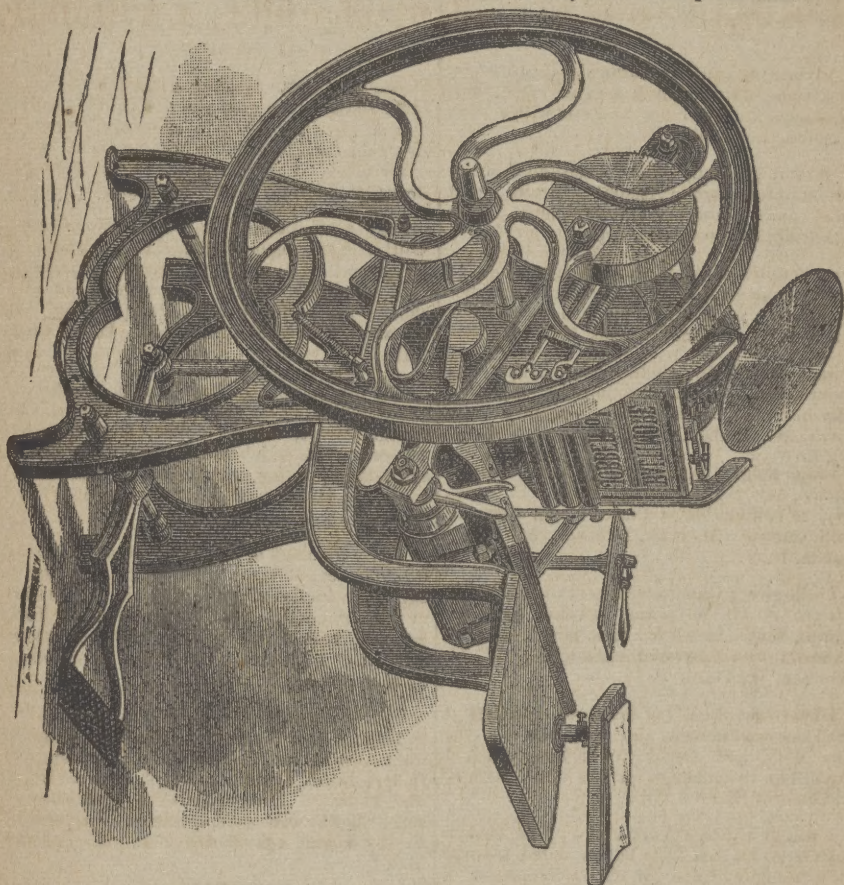
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Sixty dollars in confederate money and about 500 mixed foreign stamps for the best offer in U. S. stamps. The accepted only answered. Eddie Golden, Kittanning, Pa.

Large magic lantern, printing press, books, stamps, new 7-shot revolver, 100 U. S. cents, for a 22 calibre rifle or unused stamp album or U. S. stamps. M. Joice, lock box 74, Tonawanda, N. Y.

I will give 5 Chinese coins, 125 var. foreign stamps, 7 U. S. postal service envelope stamps, (cut square) or 800 mixed foreign stamps, for an illustrated catalogue. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C.

I have one of each of the three varieties of 1883 five cent nickels, also a medal of the New York and Brooklyn bridge, which I would like to exchange for rare U. S. stamps. R. Gilchrist, Bergen Point, N. J.

I will give 3 New York and 1 New Haven postmark obtained from letters dated 1810-20 for a triangular Cape of Good Hope or a China. Also stamps for stamps. W. R. Yard, 24th Ward 7, Fordham, N. Y. City.

I will give rare foreign stamps and postmarks for match or medicine stamps revenues, entire postal cards or philatelic papers. The above to exchange for the same. Will G. Saxton, 92 W. Tuscarawas Ave., Canton, O.

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One gold pen and silver extension holder, value \$2.00. One gold pen and gold extension holder, value \$3.00 to exchange for foreign coins or a McKinnon or sitlographic pen or for offers. Correspondence desired. D. E. Brubaker, Florida, Henry Co., Ohio.

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The following notice is said to be posted over the general delivery, in a certain country office: "Price of three-cent stamps, three cents each; licked and stuck, five cents each. The clock will answer the question 'Has the mail closed?'" Well, some folks are afraid they will answer a few questions, anyhow.

San Marino and its Stamps.



BY L. W. DURBIN.

This oldest and yet smallest republic in the world is situated in the very centre of Italy, where the mountain (Mount Titan) juts out from the range promontory on the plain. It was founded in the time of the Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximin, by one Marinus, a Christian flying from persecution. He hid himself in the fastnesses of the mountain and was gradually joined by fellow unfortunates. Subsequently the mountain was given to Marinus by a noble Roman lady who owned it. The San Marinese clung to their rock, fortified it and made it impregnable. In 1200, Count Montefeltre gave the republic a farm which enlarged its borders considerably. In the fifteenth century the San Marinese made a treaty with the surrounding states and their independence was completely recognized. The executive power on Mount Titan is vested in two Captain Regents, who are elected every six months from the Grand Council, which consists of twelve members. In the centuries which have passed since Marinus settled upon Mount Titan, new kings and crowns have appeared on Italian soil and all about the crags of San Marino. But all along, and to-day, the little republic has stood alone and independent. Postage stamps were introduced in 1877. Prior to that time Italian stamps had been employed and these, when postmarked "San Marino" are quite worthy of a place in the collection. They are rarely met with, however. The designs of the San Marino stamps are attractive, as will be seen by the illustrations annexed, and the colors are bright and contrast well with each other. The set is as follows:

2 centesimi, green; 10 centesimi, blue; 20 centesimi, red; 30 centesimi, brown; 40 centesimi, violet. Used specimens are rather scarce, the 20 centesimi being more common. Postal cards were introduced the present year. They are of the value of 15 centesimi. In the matter of a double card, the largest republic in the world might take a lesson from the smallest, but it is hardly likely that it will for a long time at least.

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ROGUES' CORNER.

BIDDEFORD, Maine, Aug. 1, 1883.

Editor Granite State Philatelist.—

On the 24th of April I received an order for coins on approval, from Francis Holstein, of Hot Springs, Ark., and the next day sent him coins by registered letter, to the amount of \$35.00; receipt duly acknowledged. On the 29th of May he wrote me a postal from St. Louis, saying he was on his way to Europe and had returned my coins by mail. I have never received the coins, and the P. O. Department, after vigorous search, have been unable to find any trace of them.

A person who will order coins on approval and return them *unregistered*, deserves a place in the Rogues' Corner, which I notice you publish. It is a poor way of treating other people's property, and I have my suspicions that he has taken the coins to Europe with him. Yours Respectfully,

FERGUSON HAINES.

We are not a betting man, Brother Haines, but if we were, we would bet ten to one that this same "Holstein" never *went* to Europe, never *will* go there, nor was ever east of the Mississippi river. European business don't go down worth a cent.

The First Five-Dollar Greenback.

Major George W. Candee, Paymaster U. S. Army, of Chicago, Ill., is the owner of the first five-dollar greenback, "No. 1-A," dated March 11, 1863. It bears the signature of L. E. Chittenden and F. E. Spinner. It is not much worn, though one corner has been torn off and carefully pasted on again, and at a glance it appears whole and perfect, but a close scrutiny reveals the tear. It came into the possession of its present owner about seven years ago, when that gentleman was on a trip to Dakota paying off a detachment of troops, (under command of Custer, just before that awful massacre.) He has refused \$100 for it, and it will probably be worth thousands of dollars in time.

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The Granite State Philatelist.

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No. 2. We will send this paper one year and a copy of *Philatelic Frauds*, for 30 cents.

No. 3. We will send this paper one year, and a copy of *Handford's 1883 Collectors' Directory*, for 35 cents.

No. 4. We will send this paper one year, and a copy of Hubbard's 16-page *Coin Catalogue* for 25 cents.

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No. 7. We will send this paper one year and 50 cents' worth of stamps from our price-list, for 50 cents.

No. 8. For 30 cents we will send you this paper one year, and pay your subscription for one year to the *Philatelic Monthly*, or *Lakeside Philatelist*.

N. B. These offers hold good for 30 days only.

If you receive more than one copy of this paper, please hand to some other collector.

ADVICE TO YOUNG COLLECTORS.

Young collectors make many mistakes, large numbers of which are in relation to postage. If collectors would remember the following, it would save much trouble, both to them and those who have dealings with them.

When sending stamps by mail, tie them up in a stout package, and prepay the postage, which is one cent per ounce to any part of the United States. Write your name on the outside of the package, but no writing within. The postage on stamps to Canada, is first-class, that is, 3 cents per 1-2 oz., or fraction thereof; after October 1st, 2 cents.

When writing an order, or any communication, say what you have to say, in as few words as possible. The least said is soonest mended.

Do not send unused stamps of over \$1.00; send a dollar bill. All dealers accept stamps for the fractional part of a dollar, but always send 1 and 2 cent ones.

Amounts of over \$2.00 should be sent in a registered letter, money order, or postal note, (which will come into use September 3d).

Always inclose stamps for return postage, when asking information of a dealer, collector, or anybody else; if you do not, very likely you will never receive an answer.

Patronize reliable dealers; those who have a reputation to lose.

Subscribe for some good paper, which devotes the whole or a part of its space, to the hobby in which you are interested.

If you have grown tired of your collection and wish to dispose of it, do not trade it off for a jack-knife, or pop-squirt; it is worth money; send it to some reliable dealer, and ask him how much he will pay for it, cash.

Write your full name and address—very plainly, too,—every time.

Always insert your stamps on paper hinges; they will bring a third more, if sold at auction; Never clean coins with acid; it injures them.

31 cents pays for this paper one year and one of the new nickels without the word cents.

One of Many.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 11, 1883.

Bro. Hubbard:—

It may seem somewhat paradoxical, but I have found it true, that with a very few exceptions, *Philatelic* journals are the poorest of all mediums through which to advertise *Philatelic* matters. I am happy to add that I have found the *GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST* one of the exceptions, and I want to continue my advertisement, or rather, occupy the same space, with occasional changes. I enclose copy for next issue. Make me yearly rates. Yours very truly,

E. B. MARTIN.

189 Maxwell St., Chicago, Ill.

Short Talks about Stamp-Issuing Islands.

V.—REUNION.



BY T. COKE.

Among the most interesting and curious stamps are those issued for the island of Reunion. The series, which was introduced in 1852, consisted of two values, namely: a ten cent, represented in the above cut, and a 30 cent, having just as queer a design. Both of these stamps were printed in black on unperforated sheets. They are extremely rare, there being very few collectors or dealers who possess them. Reunion, or as it was called a number of years ago, Bourbon, is an island in the Indian Ocean, the southernmost of the Mascarene, lying about 360 miles east from Madagascar. It is one of the most important of the insular colonies of France. It has an area of about 950 square miles, being about 38 miles in length and 28 in its greatest breadth. The population, in 1873, amounted to nearly 193,362, including some hundreds of Chinese, 6000 negroes and about 34,500 Indians. It is said to be one great mountain mass, of which, among the highest peaks is the Pitonde Fournaise, 7,200 feet high, which is one of the greatest volcanoes in the world, and one of the most active, its eruptions taking place at least twice a year. This volcano occupies, perhaps 1-6 of the island and is surrounded by a district of more than 10,000 acres which is a dreary desert. Except in this part, however, the soil is in general, extremely fruitful. About 1-4 of the island is cultivated, chiefly along the coast. The scenery is very beautiful. Streams, although not large, are very numerous, and rush in cascades to the sea. The climate which was once mild and healthful, is now very unhealthful to Europeans. The most important export is sugar, although coffee, vanilla and dyewoods are exported in large quantities. The capital of the island and seat of government, is St. Denis, on the north-west coast. There is almost total want of harbors, the whole coast of the island possessing only two tolerable anchoring places,—one at St. Denis and one at St. Paul, 18 miles further South. The coast is consequently very dangerous. Bourbon and Mauritius were discovered by the Portuguese navigator, Mascaren, and named after him the Mascarene Isles. After the French had begun their attempt to found a colony in Madagascar, they took possession of Bourbon in 1649, giving it that name, which was changed

to Reunion at the revolution. The name has been varied according to the political changes in France. The French having, in 1720, taken possession of Mauritius, which they named Isle of France, the Mascarene Isles were placed under Governor. In 1810 they were taken by the British, but Reunion was restored to France in 1814.

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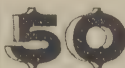
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NEW ISSUES.

AUSTRIA.—A new issue is said to be in preparation, of which the cut annexed is a representation.



AZORES.—The 150 and 300 reis have appeared surcharged with small type.

CORNEO.—The two-cent stamp which we illustrated in our last issue, has appeared,

surcharged "8 cents."

DUTCH INDIES.—The series of unpaid letter stamps has been increased by the addition of a ten-cent stamp.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Two new stamps have lately appeared; 9 pence, green, and 2 shilling and 6 pence, lilac.

GREECE.—A set of postals have made their appearance; 5 lepta, black on buff; 10 do., blue on buff; 10 do., carmine on blue. They come in double form, those on blue being for postal union use.

NORWAY.—The color of the 20-ore stamp has been changed to blue.

PANAMA.—Two new stamps are said to have been issued by the Panama Canal Co.; we annex the designs.



QUEENSLAND.—Of the new type which we illustrated in our March number, two new values have appeared; value 4 d, and 1 shilling.

ST. LUCIA.—Three new values have appeared; 1-2 penny, green; 1 1-2 pence carmine; 2 do., blue; type, De La Rue.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA.—A new postal union card is announced; 2 centavos, black on gray.

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MEDALS.—Issued by W. H. Warner & Bro., 1,123 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. We have received one of the medals issued by the above-named firm for the Louisville Southern Exposition. It is a beauty, and speaks well for the firm who manufactured them.

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The United States is far behind Great Britain, in postal, telegraph and express facilities. It is true, a reduction of one cent in letter postage takes place October first, and the postal note, a cheap way of sending small amounts by mail, went into effect September third, but there is room for a great improvement. Packages of merchandise sent by mail, are limited to four pounds in weight, for which one cent per ounce is charged; while in England, a package weighing not over seven pounds, is delivered anywhere in the kingdom for 25 cents.

The express business is done by the railway companies in England, who will carry a package weighing a pound, for 6 cents, or anywhere in the kingdom for 10 cents. Think of this, stamp dealers who pay a dollar to send five dollars worth of stamps from New York to Boston.

As to the telegraph and telephone, there is but little hope for relief from the present high rates till the government takes hold of the matter, and makes it a part of the post-office system, as in England. The Western Union controls nearly the entire business, and can do just what they please, as was shown in the recent strike; rather than pay their operators a fair price for so much responsibility, they allowed them to strike, took their messages, "subject to mailing, or other delay," put on a three-cent stamp and sent by mail, putting the balance in their pocket. The public are sufferers from these giant monopolies, but there is no redress until they are purchased and controlled by the government.

Exchange Notices.

Natural curiosities for the same. E. T. Hoyt, 1620, Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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We have published the names of many fraudulent collectors, but it now becomes our painful duty to publish the name of a dealer and publisher, who, until a few months ago, we should have been willing to have trusted for any amount. His name is W. G. Karpe; he formerly lived in Plymouth, Wis.; he now lives in Los Angeles, Cal. His paper has suspended and he has suspended payment of debts. He owes us for advertising, cuts, &c., and probably always will; publishers, if he doesn't owe you, be careful that he never does.

The Earliest Known Coins.

It was about 800 years before Christ that the first money was actually coined. There is much doubt in the mind of antiquarians as to the precise spot where the custom had its origin. Herodotus ascribes it to the Lydians, but his authority is not conclusive. The oldest coins extant, and probably the first coins ever made, are from Asia Minor. Miletus, a city south of Ephesus, on the shore of the Icarian Sea, probably produced the first coined money, the gold stater. It is stamped on one side with a deep indentation. On the other it has a rude picture of a lion's head. A die was evidently used, and the lump of metal placed in it, and a punch struck with a hammer drove the metal into the die and left the rude mark of the punch on the reverse of the coin. What induced the adoption of the lion's head as a design is left to conjecture. It is supposed by some to refer to the regal power of the lion, while others think that it had some connection with the worship of Cybele, the great goddess of the Ionians. There is a somewhat similar coin which by numismatists is supposed to be of an earlier date than the Ionian. It is a Lydian coin, and is one of the first, if not the earliest. These coins were the first specimens of what we call money.—[Old Curiosity Shop.

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New Firm.

John M. Hubbard, for some time past a compositor in this office, has laid down the stick and rule for good, having to-day purchased the stock in trade of Mr. J. M. Ward, of Lake Village, and taken possession of the same. John is an enterprising, go-ahead young man, having plenty of business qualifications, and will no doubt make a success of his new venture. He will keep constantly on hand a complete stock of stationery, fishing tackle, fancy goods, newspapers, fruits, confectionery, cigars, etc., and will also deal in rare coins, stamps, etc. We recommend the young man to the people of Lake Village, and trust they will give him a liberal patronage.—[Daily Tocsin, Sept. 3.]

As will be seen by the above, we have changed our headquarters to Lake Village. Our paper will, for the present, be dated Laconia, but all mail matter should be addressed to Lake Village, as it will then reach us one

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Everybody knows that the authorities succeeded in suppressing this local business, and as but few stamps were issued, they are rare. We are informed by the publishers of the International stamp albums, that the next edition will contain spaces for these stamps, and every one should obtain them, while they are comparatively cheap. We obtained quite a large lot of these stamps from Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who lived in Chicago at the time, and we have a written guarantee that they are *genuine*. Price 15c. each or two for 25c. We have decided to give to each and every one who sends 25c. for a year's subscription to the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST, within 60 days, one of these rare locals, as a premium. Say whether you want a *used* or *unused* stamp. Sent at once, as when our present stock is exhausted it cannot be duplicated.

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COIN SALES.

JULY—AUGUST.—Crosby Collection.

June 27, 29. As stated in the last issue, a more continued sketch would be given in this number. This collection was owned by Mr. S. S. Crosby, author of that well-known work, "Early Coins of America." The collection comprised U. S. silver and copper coins, colonials, pattern pieces, American medals, store cards, etc. Catalogued by John W. Haseltine, of Philadelphia. 1817 lots; sold at Bangs & Co.'s, New York city. Among the more noted coins a naked bust Washington cent brought \$146; a 1792 one-half dollar in copper, sold at \$72; a Vermont's Res Publica, in very fine condition, \$17. The unique New Jersey Washington, No. 1165, brought \$629. This same piece was found by Mr. Haseltine among a lot of old coins, from whom it was purchased by Mr. Crosby. A Mr. Barnabee was the successful bidder. A splendid half dollar, of 1796, 15 stars, sold for \$255; *Non vi vixit vici* New York cent, \$61.50. Total proceeds of sale, \$5,977.54.

June 30. A collection of rare Americana, belonging to E. F. Knithan. Catalogued by Ed. Frossard, Irvington, N. Y. 576 lots. Proceeds, \$1,831.19.

July 10. Collection of miscellaneous coins. Sold at Lancaster by Chas. Steigerwalt. 324 lots.

July 10. A miscellaneous collection of coins, stamps, etc. Catalogued by Dr. Geo. W. Massamore. 794 lots.

July 12, 13. Collection of coins, owned by Mr. W. R. Hubbard, of Montreal. A half pound, of Charles I., of England, brought \$19.50; a 1632 crown, of Gustavus Adolphus, of London, sold for \$10.37. Total proceeds, \$1,396.85. Catalogued by H. P. Smith.

July 16. A collection of coins. 324 lots. Catalogued by Chas. Steigerwalt. A set of Swedish plate money sold at \$33.25; 1858 dollar proof, \$41.00.

July 25, 26. Coins, stamps, medals, Confederate money, etc. 956 lots. Sold at Bangs & Co.'s. Catalogued by H. G. Sampson.

Aug. 22. John W. Haseltine sold at Bangs & Co.'s a collection of U. S. and foreign copper and silver coins, ancient Roman and Greek coins. 743 lots. This was Mr. H.'s 71st sale.

NOTES.

Owing to the vacation season, coin and bric-a-brac sales have partially dropped; but still, owing to the number of collections put on the market, July and August could hardly be called a dull season this year.

Nearly all the dealers are now cataloguing collections for the fall sales. The coming winter promises to be a brisk one, both as to dealers and collectors.

Sullivan Bros. & Libbie have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on at

their new place, 7 Hamilton Place, Boston, under the name of C. F. Libbie & Co.

A catalogue of New England Town Histories and genealogies, is for sale at fixed prices, by G. D. Morse, Haverhill, Mass.

Part IV., comprising the ancient coins of the late Prof. Charles E. Anthony, is to be catalogued by Mr. Gaston Fenardent, of New York, and is to be sold at Bangs & Co.'s, sometime in January. Part V. is the last, comprising the American coins, and will be catalogued by Mr. George W. Cogan. Ready for sale in April.

Raymond & Sherman, Chicago, Ill., will publish in October, a directory of coin and stamp dealers and collectors in the U. S. and Canada.

July number of *Our Home*, published by Andrus & Illingworth, contains a list of numismatic works for sale at fixed prices.

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The Executive Department Stamps.

BY T. COKE.

On the 10th of January, 1873, John W. J. Creswell, then Postmaster General, entered into a contract with the Continental Bank Note Company, of New York, for the engraving and printing of the Executive Department stamps. These stamps were furnished by the above named company until its consolidation with the American Bank Note Company, in December, 1878. Since then the stamps have been furnished by the latter company.

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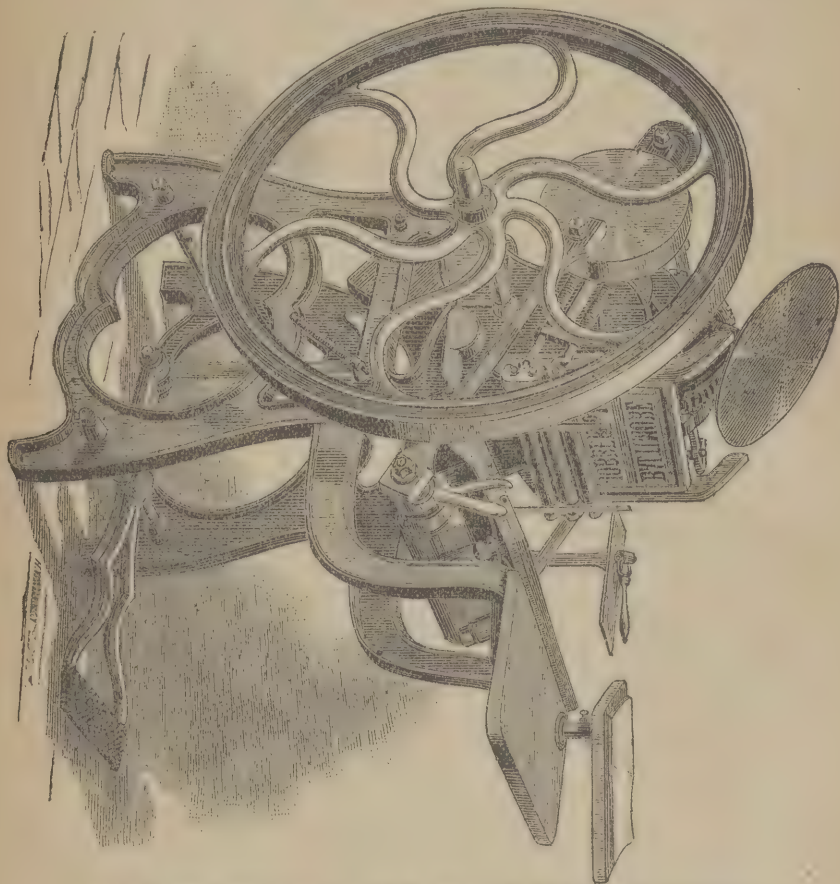
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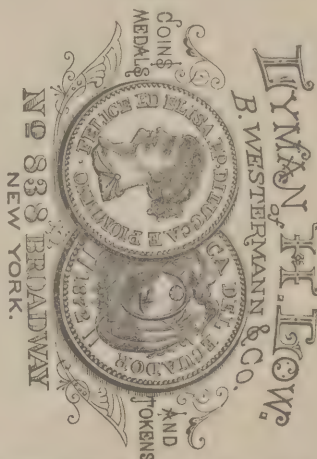
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MAURITIUS.—The 17 cent stamp has been surcharged "Sixteen Cents" in one line.



SALVADOR.—Two postals have lately been issued; 2 centavos, carmine on buff; 3 centavos, blue on white.

TASMANIA.—We annex the design of a new envelope stamp; value, 2 pence.

There is a curious clock in Japan. This clock, in a frame 3 feet high and 5 long, represents a noon landscape of great loveliness. In the foreground were plum and cherry trees and rich plants in full bloom; in the rear, a hill, gradual in ascent, from which flowed a cascade admirably imitated in crystal. From this plant a thread-like stream glided along, encircling in its winding, rocks and tiny islands, but presently losing itself in a far-off stretch of woodland. In the sky turned a golden sun, indicating as it passed the striking hours, all marked upon the frame below, where a slowly creeping tortoise served as a hand. A bird of exquisite plumage, testing by its wings, proclaimed the expiration of each hour. When the song ceased, a mouse sprang from a grotto near by, and, running over the hill, hastily disappeared.

The real birth place of the Declaration of Independence was not the hall in which the Continental Congress met, but the room in which Jefferson wrote that document. That room was in a house at the southwest corner of Seventh and Market streets, Philadelphia, which has stood till this day, but is now being demolished to give place to a plebeian bank. Jefferson wrote from Monticello to a Philadelphia acquaintance in 1825:

"At the time of writing that instrument, I lodged in the house of a Mr. Graff, a new brick house three stories high, of which I rented the second floor, consisting of a parlor and bed-room, ready furnished. In that parlor I wrote habitually, and in it I wrote this paper particularly. So far I state from written proofs in my possession."

There is thus no doubt of the place. While the millionaires of the East are contributing thousands of dollars for the erection of a modern monument to French vainglory and American pride in New York harbor, one would think they might give of their abundance a sufficient sum to preserve this ancient and sacred landmark.

A curious exhibition has lately been on view in the north of London. It consisted of nothing but an array of cigar ends collected during several years' peregrinations up and down the metropolitical thoroughfares. The enterprising collector reckons that in this time he has traveled nearly 12,000 miles on foot, and he has picked up 600,000 pieces of cigars averaging an inch and a half each. He is said to have valued his stock, thus literally composed of odds and ends, at £1,800.

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BY T. COKE.

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Sir Rowland Hill is the man to whom all the civilized world owes the adoption of the cheap and uniform postal system. His plan has been adopted by every Country which professes to have a postal system at all. Mr. Hill when a little child, began to show great love for arithmetical calculations. As he grew up he became teacher in his father's school. Afterwards he was appointed Secretary to the South Australian Commission and rendered much valuable service in the organization of the colony of South Australia. His early love of masses of figures it may have been, which in the first instance turned his attention to the number of letters passing through the Post Office, the proportion they bore to the number of the population, the cost of carrying them and the amount which the Post Office authorities charged for the conveyance of a single letter. Sir Rowland Hill gradually thought out for himself a comprehensive scheme of reform, which he put before the world early in 1837. The public were taken by surprise when this scheme came before them in the shape of a pamphlet, which its author entitled "Post Office Reform; its importance and practicability." The root of Sir Rowland's system lay in the fact that the actual cost of conveyance through the mail was very trifling, and was but little increased by the distance which they had to be carried. His principal was the very opposite to that which had prevailed in the calculations of the authorities. Their idea was that the higher the charge for letters the greater the return to the Government. He started on the assumption that the smaller the charge the greater the profit. He, therefore recommended the substitution of one uniform charge of one penny to the half-ounce without reference to the distance the letter had to be carried. The Post Office authorities were, at first, uncompromising in their opposition to the scheme. The Government at length determined to bring in a bill which should provide for the almost immediate introduction of Sir Rowland's scheme. The bill declared, as an introductory step, that the charge for

postage should be at the rate of four-pence for each letter under half an ounce in weight. This, however, was to be only a beginning, for on January 10, 1840, the postage was fixed at the uniform rate of one penny per letter of not more than half an ounce in weight.

Justin McCarthy in his "History of Our Times," tells of an older institution than that which Sir Rowland Hill introduced, namely, the "Penny Post." "A penny post," says the writer, "had been set up in London, for the conveyance of letters, so long ago as 1683; and it was adopted by the Government some years after. An effort was even made to set up a half penny post in London, in opposition to the official penny post, in 1708; but the Government soon crushed this intrusive rival. Long before even this time of the penny post, the old records of the city of Bristol contain an account of the payment of one penny for the conveyance of letters to London.

It need hardly be explained to the reader, however, that a penny in that time, or even in 1683 was a payment of very different value indeed from the modest sum which Sir Rowland Hill was successful in establishing.

Special Premium Offer.



We have just purchased a large number of the celebrated "New Nickels,"—see cut, above—at *bottom prices*, and propose to give subscribers the *best* offer they ever had from any publisher, viz.: We will send this paper one year and one of the above nickels for 25 cents, and 2-cent stamp for postage. The nickels were only coined during the month of February and are *quite rare*. This offer holds good to both old and new subscribers, till Dec. 1st. Address, plainly, John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

N. B. Letters directed to Laconia will reach us four hours later than if directed to Lake Village. All letters—as a rule—are answered the day they are received.

Five Dollars for One.

We advise every collector who has not already done so, to buy a set of Merchant Flags, (25 c.) Coats of Arms, (50 c.) and Portraits of Rulers, (50 c.) or the three sets for \$1.00. These sets will improve the appearance of an album, as much as \$5.00 worth of stamps. We also keep the International Albums, price \$1.50 \$2.50 etc., and to every purchaser we give this paper, one year, free. Address, plainly, John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., and send money by postal note, or unused 1 and 2 c. stamps.

Communication.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.

Editor *Granite State Philatelist*:—

Enclosed please find 25 cents for Vol. 2 of the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST. I think it is the "Boss Paper." I have been treated in exactly the same manner that T. Martin Wears speaks of in the October number of the *Stamp World*. I have, since January, 1882, subscribed for the *Collectors' Library Table*, *Stamp News*, *Stamp Collectors' Review*, *Lake-side Philatelist*, *Curiosity Collector*, *Old Curiosity Shop*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Empire City Philatelist*, *Queen City Collector*, N. J. *Philatelist*, W. G. Karpe's Paper and your own. I sent my subscription for two years to the *Stamp News* and received Vol. 1 and have not received a single number of Vol. 2, yet,—and never will, either, I guess. The *Queen City Collector* having suspended, it was transferred to Karpe, and he also having suspended, (paying debts,) I am out another volume and a half. Of the *Stamp Collectors' Review*, (Rasmussen's paper,) I received one number, although I had subscribed for two volumes. Another thing I don't think is fair, in the publishers, is this: I subscribe for a paper that is published the 20th of the month, and do not receive that paper until the 15th or 20th of the next month. I can't see how it takes a whole month to send a paper about 1,000 miles. I would not say a word if I received a paper that was published on the 20th, and I received it about a week afterwards, but to keep a paper a month after it is published, and then send it, seems unreasonable to me. I only wish all publishers were as prompt as you are. I would then have no cause to complain. I hope "Haviland" may succeed in his undertaking, and I think every true Philatelist should at once step forward and help the project along. I enclose you my written promise, and if the paper will only be as the prospectus says it will, I would willingly pay \$2.00 for it. Yours truly,

GEO. L. HAGER.

ROGUES' CORNER.

We would like to have certain parties pay us their advertising bill, at once. We trusted them to accommodate them; we have requested payment several times, but have not received it. We give the names of a few who will please take notice. Any one finding this notice marked, will please understand that their names will appear in the same place, next month, unless they pay up at once:

Star Coin Co., Burlington, Vt.; W. G. Karpe, Los Angeles, California; G. Barnhart, Chillicothe, Ohio; F. Trifet, Boston, Mass.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

12 varieties of Philatelic papers issued before 1883 or 800 U. S. or Foreign stamps, pays for this paper one year.

Rare Coins.

But few people know the value of coins. Merchants, newsboys, and in fact, every one who handles money, often takes in and passes out in change, rare coins, the value of which they are not aware. The need of a perfect list of such coins has long been felt, to supply which want, Mr. John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., has issued a complete catalogue of his buying prices of all American coins worth over face value. It is a neat little book, and should be in the hands of every business man. Price only 10 cents. We quote a few of the prices offered: "\$500.00 for an 1804 dollar, \$20 for 1858 do., for 1879, 1880, '81, or '82 trade dollars, \$1.40 each. For a copper cent of 1793, \$1.50 is paid; for one of '99, \$5.00; do., 1804, \$1.50. 75 cents each for 2-cent and silver 3-cent pieces of 1873, also \$2.25 for 20-cent pieces of 1877, etc." Thus it will be seen the oldest issues are not the rarest, by any means.

Mr. Hubbard deals extensively in stamps and coins, buying and selling large collections besides retailing in smaller quantities. He also publishes the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of stamp, coin and curiosity collectors, for which all interested in any of these hobbies should subscribe, as it contains an illustrated list of new issues, interesting articles on the several branches of curiosity collecting besides giving a list of all dishonest dealers and collectors, in "Rogues' Corner." Send your address on a postal, for a sample copy, read it, then send 25 cents for a year's subscription.—[Laconia Democrat.

Stamps Given Away.

In addition to the liberal premiums offered to subscribers, in another column, we have decided to make one more grand offer, viz.: To any one who sends 25 cents for a year's subscription to this paper, and 2 cents for postage, we will give as a premium, 500 mixed foreign stamps. Mixed foreign stamps retail for 32 cents per 1,000, so the paper, one year, would only cost 11 cents. See other premium offers on another page.

Joseph Thompson of Simmons' Gap, Ga., has had nine wives and fifty-three children.

Although the Tennessee penitentiary at Chattanooga has been occupied for more than half a century, and many prisoners have been sent to it under life sentence, no person is now imprisoned there who was there in 1870.

A Frenchman has recently gone deeply down into statistics in regard to matches. His figures show that an Englishman burns eight matches a day, a Swede nine, a German eleven and a Frenchman fifteen. The number of matches consumed in Europe every year amounts to 2,000,000,000. Nobody is likely to dispute these figures.

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JOHN M. HUBBARD, PUBLISHER.

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OCTOBER, 1883.

About Ourselves.

When we commenced the publication of this paper, we confess we had a mistaken idea of dealers and collectors. Judging the multitude by a few reliable parties, led us to make a bad mistake. We not only lost quite a sum by trusting, but hurt the influence of our paper. Suffice it to say, we shall not receive any advertisements from *anyone* without pay in advance. Do not ask us to *trust*; for we *will not*. Our subscription list now pays the expense of the paper, and it will be continued, "without a line of advertising patronage." Those who *do* advertise, will *pay* for it; those who do *not*, will get no advertising. Please remember.

Good Luck to Him.

John M. Hubbard, publisher of *The Granite State Philatelist*, has opened a stationery and fancy goods store in Lake Village. He is a go-ahead young man and from what we know of his business qualifications are quite sure his cupboard will not get in the same empty condition as that of she of the same name, Mother Hubbard of cherished memory. We hope John will succeed in his venture.—[*Philatelic Monthly*.]

Thanks, Bro. Durbin. Whether our cupboard ever gets into the mournful condition above referred to, or not, remains to be proved, but if it *does*, we have plenty of *stamps*—and are selling them very cheap for cash—with which to replenish it.

Premiums!

READ THE FOLLOWING OFFERS.

Anyone sending us 25 cents, in payment for a years' subscription, will receive one of the following premiums: "You pays your money, and you takes your choice."

No. 1. A used or unused Allen's Chicago Local. (Rare).

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No. 4. Hubbard's Coin Catalogue, giving his buying prices of all American Coins worth over face value.

No. 5. Anyone buying \$1.00 worth of stamps at one time, from our price list, will receive this paper one year, *free*.

No. 6. Anyone sending the names and address of 12 active collectors in their town, and 10 cents, will receive this paper one year, *free*.

Postage Stamp Flirtation.

We received the following from a subscriber "out West," who neither signed his name, or the town or state in which he lived, and the letter was postmarked, "N. Y. & Chi. R. P. O., Mid. Div." We print it for the benefit of "Lovesick Philatelists."

Upside down, left hand corner—"I love you."

Crosswise, left hand corner—"My heart is another's."

Straight up and down, left hand corner—"Good-by."

Upside down, right hand corner—"Write no more."

In the center at the top—"Yes."

Opposite, at the bottom—"No."

Right hand corner, at right angles—"Do you love me?"

Left hand corner—"I hate you."

Top corner on the right—"I wish your friendship."

Bottom corner on the left—"I seek your acquaintance."

On a line with surname—"Accept my love."

The same, upside down—"I am engaged."

At right angle, in same place—"I long to see you."

In the middle, at right hand edge—"Write immediately,—to John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., and send 27 cents for a year's subscription to the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST, and 500 assorted foreign stamps. You will get a splendid paper a whole year, and 500 foreign stamps thrown in.

A stove made in 1828 in York, Pa., was recently sold for \$1,000.

GOSSIP.

You want a good stamp journal. Read our premium offers.

Just think of it! this paper one year for 11 cents! read special offer elsewhere.

Why is a postage stamp like an obstinate donkey? The more you lick it the more it sticks.

Advertising cards for postmarks or postmarks for advertising cards. F. George H. Osgood, box 384, Laconia, N. H.

Japanese large oblong coin of the 15th century, for U. S. Dept. stamps or for offers. J. G. Bingham, McGrawville, N. Y.

What is the difference between W. G. Karpe, of Los Angeles, Cal., and a beet? One is a *beet* and the other a *dead-beet*.

Petrifactions, minerals, coins, etc., for rare stamps and books. Postals not answered. O. A. Muller, 800 Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Hubbard's Coin Catalogue, showing his buying prices of all American Coins worth over face value, 10 cts.; or with this paper, one year, 25 cts.

The person to buy stamps and albums of, is John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.; if you don't believe it, send him a trial order, and see for yourself.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J., has the largest collection of revenue stamps in the United States. It is valued at over \$5,000, and is insured for \$2,000.

What is the difference between a certain class of philatelists and a counterfeit stamp? One is the imitation of an honest man, the other of a genuine stamp.

The *Bayonne Philatelist* is the name of a new paper from Bergen Point, N. J. It is small but is well printed, filled with good reading and deserves success.

We have received Vol. 1, No. 1, of the *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*, Edwin England, Hull, England, publisher. It is well gotten up, should, and we hope will succeed.

Send a 1-cent stamp to J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H., for a catalogue of over 700 pieces of 5-cent music, or send 6 cents for a catalogue and sample copy. All the popular pieces. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Owing to the temptation to naughty ways which the Penny Postage Savings Bank system offers it has been suggested that there should be a Savings Bank stamp, and an ordinary stamp should not be received on deposit account.

The stamps of the Ionian Islands were suppressed upon the cessation of the English protectorate in 1864. They were used exclu-

sively for intersinular postage. The 4 oboli is water-marked with a figure 1, of which the explanation has never been given; and the 2 oboli with a figure 2.—[N. J. P.]

I will give 4 Mo. Defence Bonds for every 500 used U. S. stamps of any kind but 3-cent green. These bonds are sold at 10 and 15c. apiece by some dealers. Postmarks for stamps. Geo. L. Hager, box 6, Jefferson City, Mo.

ODD HAPPENINGS.

A silver dime was found in the yolk of an egg recently broken at the Plankinton house.

A Portland, Oregon, expressman put his overcoat over his horse as it stood in the street, while he himself stamped on the sidewalk to keep warm.

While seining in the river at Shippingport, Ky., a fisherman brought up a rubber overcoat containing a pocket-book, in which was a \$50 greenback and a \$20 gold piece.

"Just for fun," a scoundrel at Richmond, Va., gave a boy a pint of whiskey to drink. The boy died, and his murderer has been sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment.

In a certain part of Texas, many miles from the coast, lie the remains of a ship, high and dry in the prairie grass. She is of Spanish build, and supposed to be driven inland by a tidal wave.

Charles Clewell of Catawissa, Pa., upon cleaning up the old granary on the premises lately occupied by his deceased father, found \$700 in old gold and silver coin in a barrel of screenings.

An eight-day clock that had been given to the wife of Douglass Ottinger of Erie, Pa., as a wedding present by her husband, stopped at the very moment she died, and cannot be started again.

A California paper says: "In passing over the glassy surface of Truckee river, which is now frozen to the bottom, whole schools of trout are seen firmly fixed just where the cold wave struck them."

The oldest son of Farmer Saunders, of Richardson county, Neb., cut out the tongue of his youngest brother because he threatened to tell their father of some offense that the elder brother had committed.

A Lexington, Ky., doctor hangs out the following sign: "Dr. Tooles, scientific carver of toes and limbs; specialist and expert in removing rheumatism; corns and cramps extracted according to nature."

A well-to-do farmer living near Reading, Pa., created a sensation by bringing his three young and handsome daughters into court as the plaintiffs in three separate actions for breach of promise for marriage.

Alsace and Lorraine.

BY L. W. DURBIN.



From an historical point of view, the stamps which we call Alsace and Lorraine are exceedingly interesting. They were not only used in the two provinces whose name they bear, but also in all parts of France occupied by the German army, and that included the country as far north as Amicus and west to Le Mans. Hence, one could make a collection of those stamps which would show by the postmarks all the towns and cities occupied by the invaders, and it would not be impossible to form it so that it would give by the dates of the postmarks, pretty nearly a correct idea of the time the various places were held. The design of the stamps is very plain and inexpensive. The sheets were made as follows: the sheets of paper were covered with a network of fine lines and then broad bands of color were printed across and vertically. In the squares thus formed, the words "Postes" and "Centimes" with the numeral of value were printed.

It sometimes happened that the sheets, after the net-work was put on, were laid in the press upside down, for printing the value on, and thus varieties of all denominations are found with the points of the net-work up as well as down. Those with the points down are the errors and all are scarce, the 10 centimes being the oftener met with. There are also numerous varieties of type and color owing to different printings and settings of the type.

The illustration shows the style of the stamps, of which the following is the set: 1 centime, green; 2 centimes, brown; 4 centimes, gray; 5 centimes, green; 10 centimes, bistre; 20 centimes, blue; 25 centimes, brown. They were issued in August, 1870, except the 5 and 25 centimes which did not come out until January of the next year. As the territory of France was evacuated by the Germans the French stamps took the place of those of Alsace and Lorraine and after the cession of the two provinces, German stamps were alone used there. It is asserted that the people of Alsace and Lorraine are not contented under German rule, and it is certain the French cannot become reconciled to the division of their country which took place. Hence, these stamps may at some future time become still more interesting to the collector, by reason of the territory which they once covered, becoming again the battlefield of the two mighty nations.

Songs of the Times.

The above is the title of a new song book, which contains 100 songs, words and music, among which are "Blue Alsatian Mountains," "Finger Prints upon the Pane," "Flirting on the Sly," "Going from de Cotton Fields," "I'm Going Home to Clo," "In the Gloaming," "'Tis but a Little Faded Flower," etc., price post free, 15 cents. Size of pages, 5x7 inches. You will never regret your purchase. Address, J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

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N. B. For 50 cents, we will give the Vocal Album, one year's subscription to this paper, and 500 foreign stamps, post free. Address, John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

A queer present at a hog-killing was a handsome package of candies to each worker and visitor. Gideon Boggs of Port Elizabeth was the host.

The only bequest in the will of Morris E. Jones of Lancaster county, Pa., gave to Mary E. Whiteside his daughter Delia, to do with her as she pleases.

The first night on which Samuel Scott, of Warburg, Tenn., went into a bed to sleep, he died. He weighed 350 pounds, and by a physician's advice used to sleep by kneeling upon the floor, with his head resting upon a chair.

A man in Warren county, Ky., climbed a tree to shake down an opossum that his dogs had treed. The limb proved rotten, and Smith came down so rapidly that the dogs did not discover their error until they had nearly killed him.

Seven inches from the outside of a log in a Pennsylvania mill, the saw passed through a walnut which was imbedded in the solid wood. The shell and kernel of the nut were sound. The growth of the tree shows that the nut is at least 50 years old.

A man living near Lake Louise, in Manitoba, picked up an armful of sticks, and carrying them home threw them under the stove. In a few moments two of the sticks began crawling away, having developed into good-sized moccasin snakes.

The 3-Cent Stamp.

Good-by, old stamp, its nasty luck
That ends our friendship so.
When others failed you gamely stuck,
But now you've got to go.
So here's a flood of honest tears,
And here's an honest sigh—
Good-by, old friend of many years—
Good by, old stamp, good-by!

Your life has been a varied one,
With curious phases fraught—
Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
Your daily coming brought;
Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
Tears to a mother's eye,
Or joy or pain to every place—
Good-by, old stamp, good-bye!

You bravely toiled, and better men
Will vouch for what I say:
Although you have been licked, 'twas when
Your face turned t'other way.
'Twas often in a box you got
(As you will not deny)—
For going through the mails, I wot—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

Ah, in your last expiring breath
The tale of years is heard—
The sound of voices hushed in death,
A mother's dying word;
A maiden's answer, soft and sweet,
A wife's regretful sigh,
The patter of a baby's feet—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!

What wonder, then, that at this time
When you and I must part,
I should aspire to speak in rhyme
The promptings of my heart.
Go, bide with all those memories dear
That live when others die—
You've nobly served your purpose here—
Good-by, old stamp, good-by!
—[Erie (Pa.) Advertiser.]

The Granite State Philatelist.

BY W. G. W., Jr.

There is a lad of our town,
Who has stamps by the heap,
I always buy from him, you know,
Because he sells so cheap.

He publishes a paper,
The "Granite State" by name,
I always took it, from the first,
And you should do the same.

So every one that reads this piece,
Should send a quarter on,
For you will get your money's worth,
And will never be sorry it's done.

REVIEW TABLE.

MEDALS.—W. H. WARNER & BRO., 1123 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. We have received from the above firm a medal of the Centennial Celebration at Newberg. It is a beautiful medal, on one side of which is the bust of the "Father of His Country," on the other side is represented the headquarters of Washington, with the inscription. It is surely a first-class job from a first-class house.

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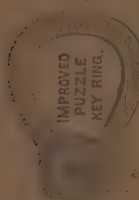
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NEW ISSUES.



FINLAND.—We annex the design of a new local for Helsingfors: value, 10 penna; color, red green and brown.

SIERRA LEONE.—New 1 and 1 1-2 penny cards are said to be in use.

SALVADOR.—We annex the design of a new surcharge, "Contra Sello," on the stamps of the current issue.

VICTORIA.—A new 1-2 penny wrapper is reported.



SIAM.—We annex the design of a series of stamps said to have been issued in Siam. A postal card, carmine on yellow, is also reported.

BERMUDA.—A new 2 1-2 penny stamp has been emitted.

Holiday Number.

We have decided to issue a grand holiday number of this paper, when it will be enlarged, to accommodate those who desire to patronize our advertising columns. Two thousand copies will be issued, and distributed among stamp and coin collectors throughout our own and foreign countries. To those who patronized our holiday number of last year we need say nothing; to those who did not we will simply say: you missed a grand opportunity, and should not let this chance slip by. Our space is positively limited—first come, first served. Send your copy early. Terms, cash in advance. Copy must reach us on or before December 10.

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REVIEW TABLE.

POCKET MANUEL No. 2.—W. H. Thompson, 404 Arch St., Phila., publisher. This is a neat little book, cheap in price, and worth four times the price asked for it. It is a "key to a profitable occupation, for any person," containing articles on how to become a short-hand writer, proof-reader, telegraph operator, book-keeper; and a copy should be in the hands of every merchant, news boy, and in fact, everyone who has to work for a living. Price post free, 50 cents.

WASHINGTON MEDAL.—Issued by W. H. Warner & Bro., Phila. This is a beautiful medal, on the obverse of which is the bust of Washington, surrounded by the words "George Washington," and on the reverse, "New York, evacuated by the British, Nov. 25, 1783," above is "1883" below, "1783," all of which is surrounded by a beautiful wreath.

Communication.

"PLYMOUTH, WIS., Nov. 7, 1883.

To Whom it May Concern:—

Having been in California all summer, and being sick at the time, I needed a great deal of money, and it was impossible for me to pay my bills at the time, unless those who owed me paid me. Not having seen any Philatelic papers for some time, I suppose there has been a great deal of talk going on, but it was through no fault of mine. All my old subscribers will be squared off in the best possible manner as soon as I can receive my account and subscription book from Los Angeles. To any dealers whom I still owe, I wish they would have the kindness to send me their bills; and all who may happen to owe me, I would be very thankful to receive an early remittance from them.

Yours respectfully,

W. G. KARPE."

Mr. Karpe has paid us his account, in full, and promises to do the same by all others. It will be remembered we exposed him in our September issue, and we feel that we were justified in so doing; but, if we had known all the facts, we should have waited a while longer. However, what is done cannot be undone, and we are happy to say Mr. Karpe has shown himself to be a gentleman, in our case.

Short Talks about Stamp-Issuing Countries and Their Stamps.

I.—BOLIVIA.

BY T. COKE.

Bolivia is an extensive republic of South America. It lies west of the Brazilian Empire and north of the republic of Chili and the Argentine Confederation. The greatest breadth of this republic is about 760 miles, and its average length is fully 1100 miles, of which 250 are sea coast. Bolivia, though comprising but a limited territory, possesses a remarkable variety of climate, soil and productions. Its south-western portion, lying on the Pacific is a gloomy desert, on which no rain falls, and which shows no traces of vegetation except where the mountain torrents have forced their way to the ocean and fertilized a few narrow valleys. The shore is high and rocky and the ascent of the Andes from this side is steep and difficult. The Andes themselves here spread out into a broad, elevated plateau, much wider than in any other part of their course. One of the most remarkable natural features is its mountain lakes. The largest of them is Lake Titicaca.

The vegetation of Bolivia is, of course, as varied as its climate. On the slopes of the loftiest mountains, and on the cold and elevated plains, it is scanty in character. The trees are very few. On the upper portion of the eastern slope of the Andes, grains of every description flourish. The low plains of eastern Bolivia abound in the richest tropical fruits and plants and the inhabitants raise, either for their own use or export, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, cotton, maize, indigo, the sugar cane, and, in their esteem, the most important of all, coca. This is a peculiar kind of leaf, which is chewed by the inhabitants as a stimulant. This is supposed to be the native country of the common potato and the plant is cultivated quite extensively by the Indians.

The inhabitants of Bolivia are divided into, I might say, three distinct classes: First, Indians of various tribes; second, Creoles of Spanish descent; and third, Mestizos, or mixed races, divided into cholos, or descendants of European and Indian parents, and Zambos, who unite European and Negro blood. There are, also, a few Negroes in the Republic. The Indians constitute nearly one-half of the population.

The foreign trade of Bolivia is not large, being confined almost entirely to the export of bullion, tin and alpaca wool, to Europe and the United States, and grain, cocoa, soap and silver to Peru, and the importation of furniture and manufactured goods from the former countries. There are but three short railroads, at present in Bolivia. If more railroads were built, I have no doubt that in a few years Bolivia would be one of the richest states of South America.

The early history of Bolivia is included in that of Peru, of which it was formerly a part. It was erected into an independent state by a declaration of its citizens, August 5, 1825, and received its name from the liberator, Simon Bolivar. A constitutional congress assembled August 11, decreed a republican government, called Gen. Sucre to the presidency, and requested the liberator to make out a constitution. He complied, and his constitution, which was a limited monarchy in all but the name, was adopted the succeeding year, but was soon abolished, and from 1829 to almost 1858, this unhappy country was the scene of constant revolutions. In 1879 a war broke out between Chili and Bolivia, in which the latter allied with Peru.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS.

Bolivia issued her first set of stamps in 1866. The set consisted of five values, viz.: 5 centavos, colors green, violet, mauve, lilac. (The plate of this stamp was retouched several times, making a large number of varieties.) 10 centavos, color brown; 100 centavos, colors blue and green; 50 centavos, colors orange, yellow, pale blue and dark blue; 100 centavos, colors black, blue. The design was as follows: A condor on a portion of a globe, in an oral bend, inscribed, "Bolivia," above, "Centavos," below, "Correos,"* on the left, and "Contratos," on the right; background of crossed lines, numerals of value in ovals in corners. These stamps are printed on unperforated sheets containing 150 stamps, each stamp being a trifle different. The 5 violet, 50 blue and 100 green of the first style and both 100 of the second are extremely rare. In 1868 a second set was introduced, consisting of five values and bearing a different and much prettier design, which is as follows: A mountain landscape in an oval, on trophy of flags, surmounted by a condor, nine stars below, on a circular disk; "Correos de Bolivia," above in curved line, value below in straight line, ornamented spandels, numerals of value in ovals in upper corners. The values are 5 centavos, color green; 10 centavos, color vermilion; 50 centavos, color blue; 100 centavos, color orange; 500 centavos, color black. These stamps were printed on perforated sheets. In 1871 a set, having the same values and colors as that of the 1868 issue, appeared, with the nine stars changed to eleven. During the same year, 1871, a set of revenue stamps was issued, containing five values, viz.: 5 centavos, color black; 10 centavos, color green; 50 centavos, color brown; 100 centavos, color vermilion; 500 centavos, color blue. The design was as follows: Figure of Justice on pedestal on shaded oval disk, in frame inscribed "Transacciones Sociales Bolivia," Centavos below in straight line, numerals of value in corners; ornamented frame. On account of the limited stock of postage stamps at the time, these stamps were used frequently for postal purposes. Six years

later, 1877, a set of perforated stamps was introduced, consisting of four values, viz.; 5 centavos, color blue: 15 centavos, color orange; 20 centavos, color green; 50 centavos, color carmine. The design is described as follows: On a band in centre, "Correos de Bolivia," above mountain landscape, with llama and sheaf of wheat in the foreground, on trophy of flags with condor above; below an open book inscribed, "La Ley," value below on curved line, numerals of value in corners. These stamps were withdrawn from use a short time after they were issued.

*On these stamps, as well as many others, Correos means "Postage," and Contratos, "Contract Post."

Rare Coins.

But few people know the value of coins. Merchants, newsboys, and in fact, every one who handles money, often takes in and passes out in change, rare coins, the value of which they are not aware. The need of a perfect list of such coins has long been felt, to supply which want, Mr. John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H., has issued a complete catalogue of his buying prices of all American coins worth over face value. It is a neat little book, and should be in the hands of every business man. Price only 10 cents. We quote a few of the prices offered: "\$500.00 for an 1804 dollar, \$20 for 1858 do., for 1879, 1880, '81, or '82 trade dollars, \$1.40 each. For a copper cent of 1793, \$1.50 is paid; for one of '99, \$5.00; do., 1804, \$1.50. 75 cents each for 2-cent and silver 3-cent pieces of 1873, also \$2.25 for 20-cent pieces of 1877, etc." Thus it will be seen the oldest issues are not the rarest, by any means.

Mr. Hubbard deals extensively in stamps and coins, buying and selling large collections besides retailing in smaller quantities. He also publishes the GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of stamp, coin and curiosity collectors, for which all interested in any of these hobbies should subscribe, as it contains an illustrated list of new issues, interesting articles on the several branches of curiosity collecting besides giving a list of all dishonest dealers and collectors, in "Rogues' Corner." Send your address on a postal, for a sample copy, read it, then send 25 cents for a year's subscription.—[Laconia Democrat.

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Mr. W. v. d. Wettern, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., warns all dealers and collectors, and everybody in general, against B. M. Tincombe, Box 85, Strathroy, Ont., John B. Pevear, Lynn, Mass., Ned Zublin, Friend Boarding School Providence, R. I., I. G. Conklin, St. Louis, Mo., W. G. Brown, Lynn, Mass., E. P. Burnet, Newark, N. J., T. B. Emery, Chicago, Ill., Frank Jetson, Chicago, Ill., Frank Andrews, Amesbury, Mass., C. G. Scott, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

"The Lost Cause."

[We are enabled to publish the following poem, through the kindness of Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., who obtained the copy for us. It was found written upon the back of a Confederate bill, after the close of the war, but no one knows who its author is.]

"Representing nothing on God's earth now
And naught in the waters below it,
As the pledge of a nation that passed away,
Keep it, dear friend, and show it.
Show it to those who will lend an ear
To the tale this trifle will tell,
Of liberty borne of a patriot's dream,
Of a storm-cradled nation that fell.

Too poor to possess the precious ores,
And too much of a stranger to borrow;
We issued to-day our "promise to pay,"
And hoped to redeem on the morrow.
The days rolled on, and weeks became years,
But our coffers were empty still;
Gold was so scarce that the treasury quaked
If a dollar should drop in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong indeed,
Though our poverty well we discerned;
And this little note represented the pay
That our suffering veterans earned.
They knew it had hardly a value in gold,
But as gold our soldiers received it.
It gazed in our eyes with a promise to pay,
And every true soldier believed it.

But our boys thought little of price or pay,
Or of bills that were over due;
We knew that if it bought our bread to-day
'Twas the best our poor country could do.
Keep it; it tells all our history o'er,
From the birth of the dream to its last;
Modest, and borne of the angel Hope,
Like our hope of success, it passed

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THE PHILATELIST HAS OBSERVED:

That the *Old Curiosity Shop*, has greatly improved of late.

That every one is going to have an "ad." in our holiday number.

That auction sales of stamps and coins are coming thick and fast.

That as cold weather approaches the number of collectors increase.

That it pays better to get cash for ads. than to trust, and take pay in promises.

That it don't pay a man to advertise an auction sale two weeks after the stamps are sold.

That Durbin's last shot apparently knocked the stuffing out of the "E. C. J. of P. and N."

That the *Philatelist's Journal* has "busted," and its publisher has paid us his little bill, in full.

That it has been many moons since we received a copy of either the *Curiosity Collector*, *Lakeside*, or *Empire City Philatelist*.

That the Lord helps those who help themselves; but the Lord help those who do not pay us their advertising bill before our next issue.

That if a few parties don't pay us what they owe us, pretty quick, they will have the pleasure of seeing their names in a very conspicuous place in our holiday edition.

Lagos.



By L. W. DURBIN.

Lagos is an island off the coast of upper Guinea, colonized by the British. It lies at the entrance of a lagoon of the bight of Benin, near the mouth of the river Oun. The chief town also named Lagos, is at the north end of the island. The population is about 65,000 native and European. The town of Lagos was formerly a notorious seat of the slave traffic, its position offering unusual facilities for carrying on the iniquitous trade. It was captured and destroyed by the British in 1851, and a treaty concluded by which the ruler guaranteed the freedom of commerce, the protection of Christianity and the abolition of human sacrifice, which revolting practice had, up to that time, obtained amongst the natives.

In 1861 the island came into full possession of Great Britain. Postage stamps were introduced in 1874. The design, which is the same in all, is above shown, the set consisting of six values, as follows: 1 penny, lilac; 2 pence, blue; 3 pence, brown; 4 pence, rose; 6 pence, green; 1 shilling, orange. Those first issued had the watermark C. C., and crown in the paper, while the later impressions are watermarked C. A. and crown. Lagos also boasts of a postal card, 1 1-2 pence, brown, on buff, issued in 1879.

The colors of the Lagos stamps are bright and they make a pleasing addition to the album. Fortunately they are comparatively common and within the reach of all.

Just Think of It.

We have decided that all the premium offers in our October number shall hold good till January 1st. Just think of it! This paper one year, and five hundred mixed foreign stamps, for twenty-seven cents; or, if you prefer, you can have a copy of Handford's 1883 Directory, or Philatelic Frauds, or our Premium Coin Catalogue, or one of "new nickels" without word "cents." If you do not take our paper, you should subscribe at once. If you do take it, renew it, and get a premium.

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Current Notes.

BY T. MARTIN WEARS.

Some will regret it, others will chuckle over the moral backsliding of Gruat and Bonn, of 3 Tavistock Street, Bedford Square, London. This firm, one of "some respectability and reputation," has been openly accused of selling forged Reunions, French Chiffre Taxe, Newspaper Express, and "Balloon Letters." The most important of these is the Reunions. They are not sold as the originals of 1852, but as reprints of them. The originals were intended to prepay postage, but very few were used for this purpose; reprints, as every one knows, are fresh impressions of obsolete stamps taken for the benefit of stamp collectors—or dealers, one or other of them—and not intended for postal purposes. To a collector of a little experience it should not be a difficult matter to be able to distinguish between copies of the Simon Pure, that is either the originals or reprints, and copies of Gruat and Bonn's own make. The former being type set, do not present a smooth appearance on the paper, this is more evident on turning to the back of the stamp, whereas, the latter having been printed from a woodcut, or an electrotpe, present a remarkably smooth surface, and on turning them over no pressing whatever is evident. This is the key to the detection of these humbugs. A better one, however, and one easier discovered exists. On a couple kindly sent me by the editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Journal*, to-wit:—the water mark in English *super wove*. It is to be hoped all dealers will take warning from this, and not venture on the stamp-making business. Nichols, Butler & Co. tried it, and they have had to quit the field and give up the trade altogether; so doubtless will the aforesaid Gruat & Bonn.

Another forgery-monger in the person of Mr. Arthur Horn, 15 Duck Mill Lane, Bedford, awaits exposure. In the *Bazaar Exchange and Mart*, of 20th July last, and in his price list, he advertises eight Pacific Steam Navigation Company, 1857, for 7d., five Bolivia, 1868, for 6d., four Mexico, 1865, for 6d., and three Dominica, for 5d. We are enabled to dispense with all kinds of tests concerning the above; whenever we see rarities so "dirt cheap" as this, we can draw only one conclusion. It is to be hoped the kindly and gratuitous notices which Arthur has received will prove effective, and prevent him from again blowing his "Horn" in the same strain, even through the channel of a six-penny advertisement in the *Bazaar Exchange and Mart*.

A correspondent to a contemporary has a sad grievance to ventilate. He has received a valuable assortment of Turkish and Persian stamps from Constantinople, which, after going through the fumigation process to prevent cholera infection, comes to hand actually riddled with holes. If there is any other method

for fumigating letters, this seems taking a good deal of liberty with other people's property, and the editor himself wonders whether the holes are intended to let the cholera out or let the fumigation in, and concludes by advising his correspondents to give up importing in that quarter until the panic has subsided.

By the time these lines are in the hands of the reader the "slack" season will have been succeeded by the busy one. It would appear that stamp-collecting and long evenings do not go hand-in-hand, but when the nights once begin to creep in, collectors are again drawn to their hobby. So much so is this the case that I observe a stamp paper announced to appear throughout this time only, viz., from October to March. Of course this way of collecting can be true only of the generality, to those afflicted with the real "mania," winter and summer, seed time and harvest can make little difference. In connection with the busy season I notice several works on the eve of publication,—a catalogue, an annual, a monograph, and the *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*. May they all meet with the success they respectively deserve.—[Foreign Stamp Collectors' News.]

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
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Sept. 21. A collection of American coins, the property of Mr. B. B. Coursin, McKeesport, Pa.,—544 lots. Catalogued by Edward Frossard. Total proceeds, \$473.90.

Oct. 1. Charles Steigewalt sold at Lancaster, Pa., a collection of coins, confederate notes and fractional currency, 568 lots.

Oct. 12. Collection of American, foreign and ancient coins. Catalogued by Ed. Frossard. Total proceeds, \$942.52.

Oct. 22. Charles Steigewalt sold at Lancaster the White, Bird and Oldroyd collections of gold silver and copper coins, ancient, Greek, line of English and Scottish coins, Lincoln Memorials, etc. 577 lots.

Oct. 29-30. W. E. Woodward sold a collection of ancient and modern coins—1432 lots. Sold at Bang's & Co's.

Oct. 31. A collection of prehistoric stone and copper implements belonging to E. V. Beales of Milwaukee, Wis., also, selections from the cabinet of J. R. Vissley of Mansfield, Ohio—551 lots.

Nov. 15-16. Collection of E. G. Chandler of Philadelphia, L. S. Boisduro of New Orleans, comprising American and foreign silver and copper coins and medals, confederate money, autographs and curiosities—1171 lots. Catalogued by J. W. Haseltine.

Nov. 15. American coins, colonial and confederate notes—500 lots. Catalogued by F. Haines. Sold by Chas. F. Libbie & Co., Boston.

Nov. 30. George W. Massamore (22) sold a collection of gold, silver and copper American coins. Among special rarities, 1794 dollar, 1796-97 half-dol., Martha Washington dime. Sold at Bangs.

Of the Modena 1852 issue we might say that the 1 lire, white, was watermarked A which was the initial of the maker of the paper—Signor Amici. In the whole set errors are frequent, prominent ones are *cetn*, *cnet*, *ceu* for cent besides numerical errors.

NOTES.

The collection of coins of Chas. E. Anthony will be catalogued by Gaston Fenerdent and sold in the spring.

The N. Y. Numismatic and Archaeological Society have secured \$1000 for the purchase of a complete set of electrotypes of ancient coins now owned by the British Museum.

We have to chronicle a new paper devoted to the interests of collectors of coins, stamps, relics, and curiosities. This is the *Nashville Coin News*, the only southern paper devoted to our hobby that we know of. The editor is P. F. Shields. Esq.

The stamps of Romagna of which there is only one issue, were in use provisionally a little over four months, having been suppressed by the decree of Jan. 12, 1860. Used specimens are very rare and it is believed that the six bajocchi were never used for postage. The original dies of the set were knocked about and finally came into the possession of an employee of the post who added a border of seven lines to each value to hide the indentations, and in 1869 he made many sheets with all the values printed on one sheet. He termed them essays or proofs.

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We are a little late this month, but we have been very busy with our holiday trade, and our printers have been so rushed they could not have printed it before, if we had the copy ready, so we must make the best of it. We will try and make up for lost time, and hereafter appear with our usual promptness. Being rather late to wish our numerous patrons "Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year," we wish every one, into whose hand a copy of this paper may fall, a very happy and prosperous year.

THE PHILATELIST HAS OBSERVED:

That the stamp business is unusually good.

That every collector should take at least one stamp paper.

That the Atlas Stamp Co., station A., Boston, Mass. are selling Sandwich Island stamps that look decidedly suspicious.

That Mr. Schwartz, of Philadelphia, is disgusted with the publication business,—sold out his paper and retired from the stamp trade.

That the December number of the *Philatelic Monthly* completed its ninth volume. "Long may it live," and "may its shadow never grow less," is the earnest wish of the PHILATELIST.

The First American Coin.

BY T. COKE.

The earliest American coinage that history informs us of was made in 1612 for the Virginia company, at the Somers islands, now called the Bermudas. The coin was of brass, with the legend "Sommer Island," and "a hog on one side, in memory of the abundance of hogs which were found on their first landing." On the reverse was a ship under sail, firing a gun. As early as 1645 the Assembly of Virginia, "having maturely weighed and considered how advantageous a quoinage current would be to this colony, and the great wants and miseries which do daily happen with it by the sole dependency upon tobacco," provided by law for the coinage of copper pieces, the value of which was to be 2d, 3d, 6d, and 9d.; but this law, for some reason or other, was never carried into effect.

The earliest colonial coinage was in Massachusetts, in pursuance of an order of the General Court, passed May 27, 1652, which established "a mint house" at Boston. The order required the coinage of "12 pence, 6 pence, and 3 pence pieces, which shall be for forme flatt and stamped on the one side with N. E. (New England) and on the other side with XII d, VI d, and III d, according to the value of each piece." These coins were to be of the fineness of "new sterling English money," and every shilling was "to weigh 3 penny troy weight, and lesser pieces proportionably." They were soon after in circulation; but owing to the excessive plainness of their finish, they were found to be greatly exposed to "washing and clipping." To remedy this, the General Court, on Oct. 19 of the same year, ordered a new die and required that "henceforth, both shillings and smaller pieces shall have a double ring on either side, with this inscription, (Massachusetts), and a tree in the centre, on the one side, and New England and the date of the year on the other side." In 1662, a 2 penny piece was added to this series. These coins are now known as the "pine-tree shilling," etc. The Massachusetts mint existed about 33 years; but all the coins issued bear only the dates 1652 and 1662, the same dies having probably done service throughout the period. From this time (1662) the colonies and states, so far as they found occasion, made their own coins, which afford an interesting study for the numismatist.

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Gossip About Provisional Stamps.

BY L. W. DURBIN.

The past year has been prolific in provisional stamps; that is, stamps issued for temporary use only. They are produced from a variety of causes. Sometimes, a certain value in a series becomes exhausted, and, pending the arrival of a fresh supply, the local printing office is called upon to manufacture a substitute, either of a new design or by printing the required denomination across the face of another value, which is then sold at the lower price. Or, by a change in the postal laws, stamps of a value not before used are required and the surcharging process, or the temporary type-set makeshift, is resorted to until the new die can be engraved and a supply of stamps printed from it. Provisional stamps are interesting to the collector and are much sought after. Generally they are employed but a short time, sometimes for a few days only, and nearly all of them owing to their short currency are rare. As soon as they are withdrawn they become scarce, and it is for this reason that the wise collector procures them at the earliest possible moment, well knowing that as soon as the supply ceases the price goes up. The majority of collectors prefer used specimens of surcharged stamps. It is so easy to take a genuine stamp and put a surcharge over it that a specimen showing the cancelling mark over the surcharge will usually bring a higher price than if it were unused. It is wise to have caution in buying unused surcharged stamps, and to take them only from dealers who are known to be reliable, and who have a reputation to take care of. Of all provisional stamps, the British Guineas, 1882 type-set, are the most curious. In design and execution they are not inferior to many of the stamps in general use, in certain countries, but they are unique in having the word "specimen" perforated in the paper, and without this they were not valid. The reason assigned for so perforating them was that it would prevent their being imitated, but it is odd that the word specimen should have been chosen.

It may sound strange to hear the stamped envelopes issued last October in our own country called provisionals, but strictly speaking they are such. The contractors were called upon to produce a new die to be issued the first of October. They did so, but it was a miserable affair, poor in design and execution. Still, the new stamp had been officially announced to be issued on that day, and it was, but was only to be used while the new and bet-

ter die was being engraved. That came out the latter part of the same month, and the first die was at once thrown aside.

Among the provisionals the past year, half stamps play an important part. Many of them were employed without any surcharge at all, penny stamps being cut in two perpendicularly or diagonally, and the halves used for half penny stamps. An unused one of these is quite worthless as any one could cut a stamp in two or more pieces and they would have to be purchased as provisional stamps entirely on faith. But when one of these half stamps can be had, or a whole or part of an envelope, with the canceling mark showing on both the stamp and the paper, it makes an exceedingly interesting addition to the collection. There are some provisional stamps which were in use long enough to become comparatively common, but some of them are so scarce as to be almost unattainable, and not a few readily command a good many dollars apiece, with the demand far in excess of the supply. Of all stamps, provisionals are the ones the collector should be cautious about buying, and it will always be safe to refuse to buy them unless they can be had from those who can be relied upon to furnish only the genuine thing.

Our Review Table.

MEDALS—Issued by W. H. Warner & Bro., Phila. We have received two beautiful medals from the above named firm. One, a new Washington medal. The other, a "Christmas" medal, on one side of which is represented "Santa Claus," with the words "Merry Christmas," and on the other side the Lord's prayer.

REVENUE STAMP CATALOGUE.—E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J., publisher. This is the third edition of Mr. Sterling's popular revenue catalogue, and one which should be in the hands of every collector, whether he collects revenue or not. Any thing that is worth doing at all, is worth doing well, and if it is worth while to collect foreign stamps, it is certainly worth much more to collect the revenue stamps of our own country. Price of catalogues 25 cents, post free.

Of Natal stamps the 3 pence rose and 6 pence green of the 1867 issue are the only ones of that issue that can be obtained without much trouble. The other values of the set, day by day, are getting scarce. One of them, the 9 pence, blue, is now attainable only on the breaking up of a collection and not always then.

How to Detect Counterfeit Stamps.

W. E. SKINNER.

Nothing disgraces an album more than a counterfeit or series of counterfeits intermingled with the genuine stamps. To aid the beginner in exterminating these from his collection we give a few rules which if followed will not be valueless.

First—Compare the stamp in color, size, view, etc., with an original—notice watermark, which is generally seen by holding stamp to the light. Look at the number of perforations. Most counterfeiters have a die which makes thirteen lengthwise but ten in width. Note the size of letters, fine scrolls, etc.

Second—If your stamp will stand all the above tests, and still appears doubtful, notice carefully the cancellation mark; compare the mucilage on back of stamp by taste and color.

Third—If you are yet in doubt, note the price you paid for it, for if you have paid five cents for a stamp worth a dollar it will generally prove to be bogus. It will also be well to enquire as to the reputation of the dealer who sold it to you.

Another good plan is to send your stamp to some reliable dealer for inspection.

If you have discovered that a certain dealer has sold you a counterfeit send it back and require your money. Do not at once expose him, but give him a fair warning, for he may have sold you the false stamp unintentionally.

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
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